



Idaho State Racing Commission

Strategic Plan For Fiscal Years 2007 – 2012

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This document contains the Strategic Plan for the Idaho State Racing Commission. The Commission under the direction of the Idaho State Police was enacted to enhance, promote and protect the live race industry in the state of Idaho. All costs of operating the Commission are paid from fees collected for licenses, rule violations, daily simulcast fees and pari-mutuel taxes.

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Mission Statement

To enhance, promote and protect the live horse race industry in the state of Idaho through licensing; regulations and supervision of all live and simulcast race meets in this state under the terms of the Horse Racing Act in Idaho Code, §54-2501-16.

Core Functions

The Idaho State Racing Commission has authority to prepare and promulgate a complete set of rules and regulations to govern race meets in order to insure the individuals who participate at race meets will act in the best interest of racing. It is the duty of the Racing Commission to license, regulate and supervise all race meets held in this state.

Vision Statement

The Idaho State Racing Commission has an important place in one of the oldest sports in this country. We recognize that the racing industry is part of Idaho's agricultural health and economy.

To protect and uphold the integrity of the pari-mutuel sport of live and simulcast horse racing; to exert every effort which is right and proper to regulate, protect and nurture the racing and wagering industry and to preserve and enhance public confidence.

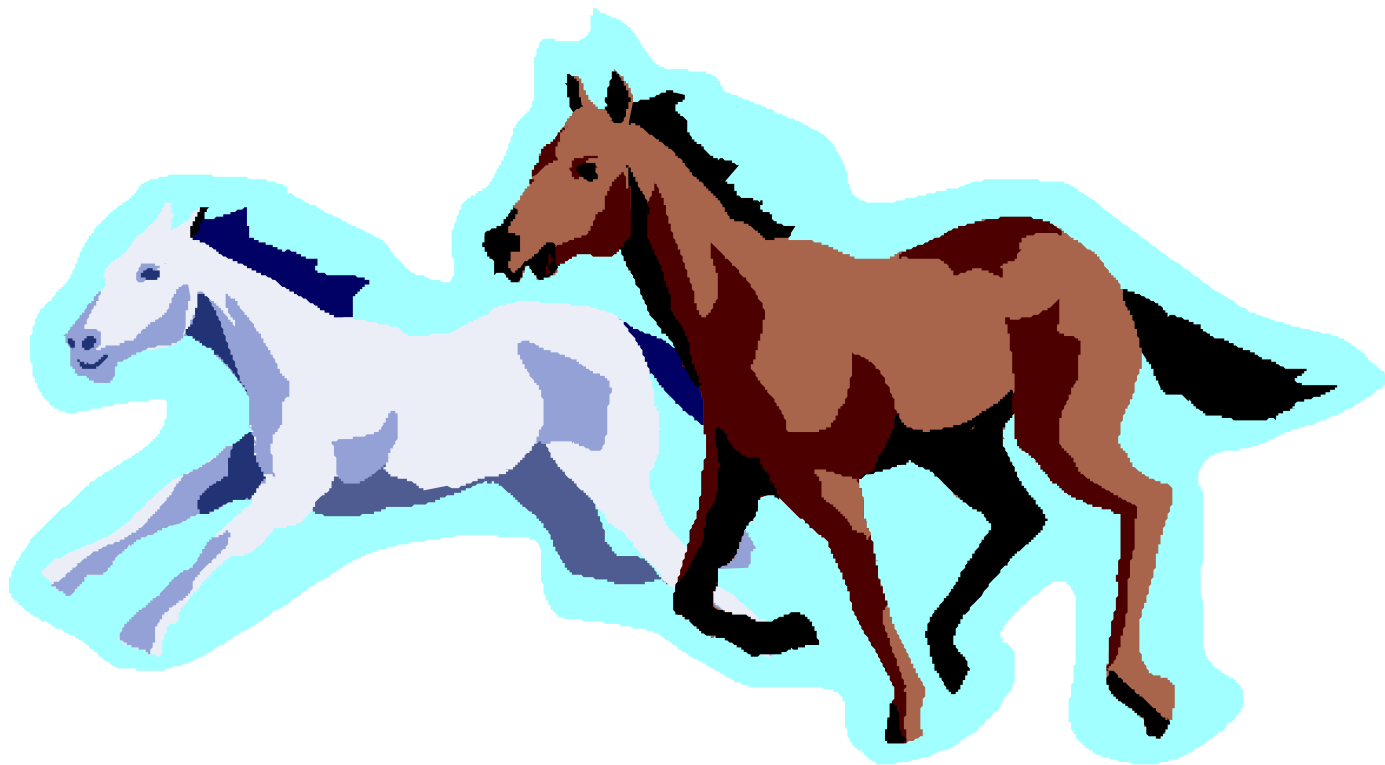
- * Employees, including contractual officials, who are highly trained, respected and trusted by the Commission and the public to maintain high professional standards to perform their duties.
- * Professional and fairly compensated employees working together toward the protection and promotion of live racing.
- * Strong public support for the horsemen and racing industry enhances the Commission's image and reputation.

KEY EXTERNAL FACTORS

The racing industry is subject to economic changes, population trends, and other factors that directly effect horse racing. These trends influence the number of new applicants and the number of licenses renewed annually, which in turn, impacts the amount of revenue collected by the commission for its operations.

National concerns about the industry's downward trend are paramount to the economic conditions within the state, the racing industry and necessitate a constant monitoring of these trends.

Revenues necessary to operate the racing commission are intricately connected to the economy of the nation and state. When fluctuations in revenues occur it may warrant the development of expenditure plan alternatives.



The primary goals of the Commission are to build a strong and credible industry, to operate the Commission office as efficiently and economically as possible and to serve as a steadfast entity on which the industry and the public can depend upon to preserve and maintain the integrity of horse racing in Idaho.

GOAL 1. MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF HORSE RACING IN IDAHO.

Objective 1.1 – Live Meet Applicants

Associations conducting a race meets are operated by responsible management.

Action:

All applicants apply for a live meet license; provides background information, fingerprints and financial documentation for Commission approval

Performance Measure:

Background investigations are performed by Idaho State Police investigations for compliance.

Objective 1.2 - Safety

Every racing association is doing its utmost to provide the spectators, the animals and their attendants the best possible facilities that it can.

Action:

Employees of the Racing Commission will visit each track as they run live race meets to inspect, license and supervise the operations and to regulate each race.

Performance Measure:

Perform a comprehensive inspection program for pari-mutuel racetracks. Through this inspection program, the Commission seeks to ensure the facilities at the racetracks and the operations comply fully with the rules of the Commission.

Objective 1.3 – Owners and Trainers

Every owner and trainer seeking to enter a horse in competition is a person of good character and financially responsible.

Action:

All Owners and Trainers must apply for a license prior to entering a horse in the competitions, this would include a fingerprint cards for a criminal history check.

Performance Measure:

Any licensees providing false information on their application may have

their license suspended revoke or fined by the Commission.

Objective 1.4 – Race meet

Every race will represent a true competitive effort by the participating rider or horse.

Action:

Every rider or horse is physically fit to race.

Performance Measure:

Jockeys must have a physical performed prior to being licensed and must have a doctor's release after any incident.

Performance Measure:

Horses and Jockeys will submit to urine and blood tests as required by the State Vet or the Board of Stewards.

Performance Measure:

Horses are free from any forbidden medication or drug prior to races

Action:

No rider during the running of a race will commit any act that would tend to make the race anything other than a true competition.

Performance Measure:

All races are monitored by state Stewards

Objective 1.5

The State Statute and rules of racing are strictly enforced with the cooperation of all divisions within the Idaho State Police and Officials of the Racing Commission.

Action:

Enforce rules and regulations to insure the individuals who participate at race meets will act in the best interest of racing.

Performance Measure:

Investigate all rule infractions and sanction penalties as required for violations.

GOAL 2 AUDIT AND ENFORCE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF LIVE AND SIMULCAST PARI-MUTUEL OPERATIONS

Objective 2.1 – Tote Testing

Provide assurance that the totalizator system has the ability to collect, to process, to report and maintain reliable, accurate and timely information in accordance with the rules of the Commission.

Action:

Perform inspection and totalizator tests prior to opening of live race meets to confirm compliance.

Performance Measure:

A controlled testing of totalizator system with each new tote company to be completed a minimum of one day prior to the first race of that meeting.

GOAL 3 MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN THE RACE INDUSTRY

Objective 3.1

Interact with other state racing commissions.

Action:

Department administrators attend various state conferences and workshops to implement uniform rules of racing throughout the United States and Canada.

Performance Measure:

Staff holds various seats on national committees for problem solving and information sharing on industry concerns.

Action:

Hold membership with the Racing Commissioners International (RCI) for online availability to search licenses and rulings with many of the participating states.

Action:

Installed new Smart Card System for licensing has made the availability to interact with other state jurisdictions for licensing and ruling reciprocity.

Action:

Implementation of the Multi-Jurisdictional License application has simplified applying for licensing in different states.

Performance Measure:

Uphold the integrity of the pari-mutuel industry through an informed membership through RCI, by encouraging uniform regulations through various programs and projects.

GOAL 4 TO PROMOTE BETTER COMMUNICATION AND TEAMWORK WITH THE PUBLIC AND ASSOCIATIONS.

Objective 4.1:

Develop and present a unified, well-organized image to the public and legislature. Continue to provide the public with opportunities for input and interaction including providing representatives to speak with horseman's groups, track and breed associations.

Action:

Department administrators meet with legislators, representatives of various track associations, horseman groups and breed associations.

Performance Measure:

Document meetings attended, attendance, responses, and subsequent comments during the meetings.

